

KILLS HIS WIFE; INJURES MOTHER

Then Young Farmer Near
Springfield, Ill., Turns the
Weapon Upon Himself.

BOTH OF WOUNDED MAY DIE

Tragedy Comes at End of Evening
Spent in Pleasure—Suit for
Divorce the Cause.

Springfield, Ill., July 20.—Mrs. Nolla Jerdes, 18 years old, a bride of six months, was slain Saturday night by her husband, Charles Jerdes, at the home of her parents, three miles east of Edinburg, Christian county.

Jerdes then mortally wounded his mother-in-law, Mrs. Frank Gardner, and turned the weapon upon himself, inflicting a bullet wound in the temple which it is expected will cause his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner and their daughter, who left her husband two months ago because he was unable, it is said, to support her, had attended a carnival in Edinburg in the evening and at 11 o'clock started for their home.

Jerdes also had been at the carnival and followed them. While Gardner was putting up his team, Jerdes went to the house and fired five shots at his wife and mother-in-law, all of which took effect. The last bullet in the revolver Jerdes saved with which to end his own life.

Victim and Slayer Dying.

Mrs. Gardner was brought to a hospital in this city and her death is momentarily expected. Physicians are fighting to save Jerdes, but fear he also will succumb.

Mrs. Jerdes, accompanied by her mother, went to Taylorville Saturday to file divorce proceedings. Jerdes is believed to have heard of his wife's action. He left the farm where he was employed and came to this city, where he purchased a revolver.

When he entered the Gardner home last night he demanded that his wife return to him. When she refused he opened fire. Mr. Gardner heard the shots, went to the house, and found the three bodies lying on the floor.

THREE DIE IN FENCE WAR

West Virginia Farmers Slain After
Long Contested Fight.

Weston, W. Va., July 20.—A long-contested fight over a line fence culminated today in a shooting affray at Allingdale, Nicholas county, in which three men were killed and another was wounded seriously. The dead are John Mammion, Joseph Fletcher and Ernest Bailey, all well-known farmers of Nicholas county. Mammion is in a hospital. Patrick Dodrill, a brother-in-law of Fletcher, is in jail charged with being a participant in the shooting.

Unravel This.

A young woman asked the magistrate for a separation from her husband, to whom she was married only three months ago. She added:

"He is my second husband. My first is doing time."

"Then this man is not your husband?" asked the magistrate.

"Oh, yes, he is," was the reply. "I was my first husband's second wife. His first one is still alive. That is what he is doing time for."—Exchange.

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WHERE ARE MISSING DAUGHTERS OF WEALTHY GEORGIA WOMAN?



Mrs. Eloise Nelms Dennis (left) and Miss Beatrice Nelms.

Atlanta, Ga., July 20.—The failure of the nation-wide search for Mrs. Nelms Dennis and Miss Beatrice Nelms, daughters of a wealthy Atlanta woman, has caused the belief to grow among local investigators of the strange case that the death message received by Mrs. Nelms last week may be true.

The daughters were touring Texas and adjoining states in June. On the 13th of that month Mrs. Dennis cashed a draft in New Orleans for \$1,450, and within a day or two after that both had disappeared. The death message was mailed from New Orleans. It was signed with Mrs. Dennis' name and indicated that she had killed her sister in New Orleans, was preparing to kill her brother, Marshall Nelms, in San Francisco, and would then commit suicide. The letter was typewritten, but Mrs. Nelms believes

the typewritten signature to be genuine. Its text follows in part:

"After sending the telegram from New Orleans, I got rid of B. there and have come out here to find Marshall and send him to follow her. I have sealed her fate forever. She is now in the unknown land, and I am glad I did it. I only hope the animals of the waters will have eaten us both before you get these letters."

The typewritten note was accompanied by a handwritten note believed to have been in Mrs. Dennis' handwriting which indicated despondency.

Mrs. Nelms is inclined to question the statements of Victor R. Innes, a Portland, Ore., attorney who helped Mrs. Dennis secure a Nevada divorce 18 months ago. Innes said he had never been to Atlanta and that he had no business dealings with the missing women.

Mrs. Nelms says that Innes was in Atlanta early in June. She further declares her belief that the lawyer exerted a hypnotic influence over Mrs. Dennis, and charges that on several occasions he has taken advantage of this power in order to advance his own interests.

Mrs. Nelms further insists that Innes promised to turn over to Beatrice Nelms deeds for Mexican property he was supposed to have bought for Mrs. Dennis, and that the missing women went to Houston, Texas, to get these papers. She claims that she once overheard Innes and Mrs. Dennis discussing a plan whereby he was to go to India and secure a divorce, and then marry Mrs. Nelms.

Mrs. Nelms has offered a reward of \$400 for the finding of her daughters, dead or alive.

the building and grounds. The formal transfer will be made Aug. 1.

Obituary Record.—Mrs. Jeanette McCay of Bettendorf died at Mercy hospital after a short illness. Deceased, whose maiden name was Jeanette Foster, was born in Pennsylvania, Sept. 8, 1855. She graduated from the Hyde Park high school and on May 8, 1905, was united in marriage to Mr. McCay in Chicago. They came to Davenport in February, 1909. Surviving is the husband, the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foster of Oak Park, Ill., a brother Thomas, and a sister, Dorothy.

Many people in Davenport will read with regret the news of the death of Mrs. Maria L. Esau of Burlington, who died in that city last Wednesday, after a short illness. Mrs. Esau had been in ill health for some time. The body was brought to Davenport for cremation at the Davenport Crematorium, by her son, Frank Esau, Jr. Mrs. Esau was 52 years of age, and is survived by her husband, Frank Esau, her two sons, Charles and Frank, Jr., and her daughter, Etta.

Iver Iverson, residing on rural route No. 2, Le Claire one and one-half miles northeast of Pleasant Valley, died at his home Saturday morning. The deceased was born in Niebult,

Speth is Slugged On Jaw—Hemmed in between box cars and fighting desperately to ward off the attack of two robbers, caught red-handed in the act of stealing from a Burlington freight car, Patrolman Speth succeeded in subduing and capturing one of his assailants after a 10-minute hand-to-hand fight Friday night. The other man made a break for the river bank and escaped. Ed Sweeney, a burly looking man who claims Pennsylvania as his home state, was arraigned in police court on a charge of breaking and entering a freight car. He waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the grand jury under \$500 bonds. The officer grabbed Sweeney by the left arm and also secured a hold on the other thief, when the former sent a terrific blow to the policeman's jaw. Sweeney rushed in and was knocked down by a straight arm jolt to the jaw. He leaped up again, and Speth felled him with a blow with his club. Again Sweeney rushed to the attack, and the battle continued for fully 10 minutes. The other man had in the meantime made a dash for the river and made his getaway. Speth fired one shot into the air to summon help, and Detective Bishop, who was stationed at Rock Island street, arrived on the scene when the conflict was practically over.

Building Sold By Rug Company.—A. H. Fowler, head of the Economy Rug company, sold the building and grounds of the Economy Rug company, 720-22 Harrison street, to Dr. W. A. Sebott. The property is 45x150 feet in dimensions. The building is a two story brick structure and is occupied entirely by the rug company factory. The Economy company will still continue to operate the rug business at the location, the transfer applying only to

BARNUM & BAILEY HERE THIS WEEK

Circus to Be Seen in Matinee
and Night Performances
at Exposition Park.

Next Friday is to be the red letter day on the calendar for the little boy and his big brother. It is circus day and that means the grand climax to the plans and meditations of the past several weeks.

According to the Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth announcements there is some instructive and entertaining amusement in store for those who witness the unloading of the circus paraphernalia. This is said to be an education in itself.

The Barnum & Bailey show is from the standpoint of magnitude one of the two great circuses now on the American continent and that means that it must be a veritable moving metropolis in the amusement line.

From the past reputation of the circus it is only reasonable to expect that it still carries with it some of the finest horses to be seen in the country and these will all be seen to advantage while the train is being unloaded. And the manner in which the work of unloading and setting up camp is conducted is said to be with clock-like precision. Every move is for a purpose and an account of the multitude of things that must be done at one time the wheels within wheels turn without interfering with each other.

Then, when this work is nearly completed, there will follow the monster parade in which the spectators will be given their first opportunity to gaze on all the animals and interesting features that go to make a circus menagerie.

All of the above attractions and many more will be closely watched by the little boy and his big brother, and it is safe to conjecture that many of "paterfamilias" will also be found taking advantage of the opportunity "just to show the children the circus."

Two performances are announced for Friday next, afternoon at 2 o'clock, and again in the evening at 8 o'clock. The doors will be opened at 1 and 7 o'clock, allowing a full hour for visiting the zoological collection in the menagerie.

North Friesland, Germany. In 1865 he moved to America and was employed in New York City. Later he moved to Bloomington, Ill., and in 1887 was married to Miss Andie Wagner of that city. In 1868 he and his wife moved to Pleasant Valley and have made their home in that neighborhood ever since. He is survived by his wife.

Word was received yesterday from P. M. Stauffer of the Y. M. C. A. telling of the death of his father Thursday night at Kent, Ohio. The deceased had recently retired from the ministry, following service of many years in the Episcopalian church. He passed away after a long illness.

Woman Bitten by Savage Bulldog.—In attempting to separate two bull dogs that were rapidly chewing each other up, Mrs. A. Barnett, 822 West Fifth street, was badly bitten on the right arm. Dr. O. E. Ficke was called and dressed the injured member. One of the dog was the property of Mrs. Barnett, while the other was owned by Mrs. Adolph Wunschel, 816 West Fifth street. According to the police, it was the Wunschel dog that attacked Mrs. Barnett.

Waylay Victim at Front and Iowa Streets.—A daring holdup was staged at the corner of Front and Iowa streets early Sunday morning when two negro stick-up men attacked a white man and relieved him of \$11 in bills. The victim, W. Jackson, was walking along

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the street towards his rooming house, when two negroes stepped up to him. One of them grabbed Jackson around the neck, while the other slugged him on the jaw, partially dazing him. As the man lay prostrate on the sidewalk, the thugs kicked him and then went through his clothing, taking a \$10 and a \$1 bill. By the time Jackson had regained his senses, his assailants had fled.

ALEDO

Mrs. D. L. Wilson went to New Windsor Monday to visit her cousin, Mrs. E. E. Barney, who is ill.

Miss Margaret Baxter went to Viola Monday to make a few days' visit at the home of her brother, Brown Baxter, and with other relatives.

C. S. Bartlett and sister, Miss Louise, went to New Boston Monday to visit their brother, W. H. Bartlett. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Almquist spent Sunday at Sturgeon Bay.

D. J. Wilson went to Reynolds Monday to visit his brother, Henry Wilson.

Miss Minnie Eloffson returned to her home in New Windsor Monday after spending a few days with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Luttrell.

Master Delmer Bigelow went to Woodhull Tuesday to make a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Simmons.

Mrs. George Heston of Viola and niece, Miss Violet Heston of St. Augustine, who have been visiting Mrs. Heston's son, Ray Heston and family, returned to Viola Tuesday.

Mrs. J. M. Kingdom and son Lee, of Galva, came Saturday to visit Mrs. Eva Wallen.

Mrs. A. M. Boyd of Chicago came Saturday to make a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maher.

Mrs. Ralph Thede went to Joy Saturday to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Johnson.

Mrs. L. C. Detwiler left Monday for Indianapolis, Ind., where she will make a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Winders. From there she will go to visit her sister, Mrs. W. H. Porter, in Batavia, N. Y. Mr. Detwiler will join her in New York and they will return home via the Great Lakes.

Misses Lena and Edna Miller of Canonsburg, Pa., came Friday to visit their aunt, Mrs. Margaret Johnston.

Arthur Winger left Saturday for Wendell, Minn. He spent Sunday in Minneapolis with his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Winger.

Miss Hettie McCright arrived home the last of the week from a two week vacation spent at Winona Lake, Ind.

Mrs. William Blayney and little daughter, Katherine of Burlington, and Mrs. Ida Pinkerton went to Viola Tuesday to visit Mrs. Pinkerton's brother, Andrew Barr and family.

Mrs. William Dean and daughter, Myrtle and Opal, who have been visiting Mrs. Dean's mother Mrs. J. O. Peeler, left for their home in Columbus Junction, Iowa, Saturday.

Frank Moorhead returned to his home in Rock Island Monday after spending a few days here with friends.

Mrs. L. E. Farr was a Rock Island visitor Monday.

The King's Herald of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. O. M. Dunlevy, Saturday afternoon and spent a very pleasant afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rohan and daughter Miss Lorraine spent Sunday in Keithsburg with Mrs. Rohan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Willis. Their daughter Miss Cornelia, who has been making an extended visit with her grandparents, accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Merritt left Sunday for Clinton, Iowa, where they will spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Shambaugh. They will visit other points in Iowa before returning home.

Miss Leota Warwick arrived home Saturday from a two months' visit with relatives and friends in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Her cousin Miss Jean McMurray of Canonsburg, Pa., accompanied her home.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Turner of Millersburg, Monday July 13.

Willard Carter went to Clinton Saturday to visit his son Dr. Charles W. Carter.

John McRoberts left Sunday for Detroit, Minnesota, where he will join his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McRoberts and spend a week's vacation.

Mrs. W. B. Smith and daughter Misses Inez and Irma, returned to their home in Orion after visiting Mrs. Smith's mother—Mrs. A. E. Miller.

Miss Pearl Larrance arrived home Wednesday from a few days' visit with relatives in New Boston.

Little Miss Helen Bridgford returned to her home in Viola Tuesday after spending a few days with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bridgford in Millersburg.

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Many are actually starving, even though eating heartily three times a day. They are starving because the usual diet lacks certain essential elements.

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A Beauty Hint From Anty Drudge

Mrs. Onceyoung—"I declare, I look fifty years old, and there goes Mrs. Sensible, who is just as old as I am, and she looks not a day over thirty-five. I don't see how some people have the knack of keeping their looks."

Anty Drudge—"Several years ago Mrs. Sensible looked as old as you do now, but she was wise enough to use Fels-Naptha Soap for her housework. When I told you about it, you said you didn't believe anything that was so easy could be any good. That's all the difference."

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